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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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- Box No. I Basis of the report
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

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the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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the description, pages _____
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the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*) : _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 6, 7	YES
	Claims	2 - 5	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1, 6	YES
	Claims	2 - 5, 7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are referred to in this report:

- D1: JP 2001-131050 A (15 May 2001)
- D2: WO 2003/072120 A1 (04 Sep. 2003)
- D3: Life Sciences, Vol.66(8), pp.709-723 (2000)
- D4: Pharmazie, Vol.48, pp.144-145 (1993)
- D5: US 5360816 A (01 Nov. 1994)

1. Novelty

Claim 1 of the present invention relates to a stimulator of collagen synthesis comprising the compound of formula 1 such as xanthotoxol (=8-hydroxysoralen), 8-hydroxybergapten, and prangenidin.

Claims 2-5 of the present invention relate to a composition for external use comprising the compound of formula 1. The compound of formula 1 is described to have anti-wrinkle, wound-healing, anti-inflammatory, and anti-oxidative activity. The composition can be formulated as a cosmetics such as skin lotions, emulsions, and creams.

Claim 6 of the present invention relates to a cosmetic composition for anti-wrinkle comprising the compound of formula 1.

Claim 7 of the present invention relates to an external composition for wound-healing comprising the compound of formula 1.

D1 discloses a cosmetic composition comprising xanthotoxol with anti-inflammatory and whitening activity. The cosmetic composition can be formulated as skin lotions, emulsions, and creams.

D2 discloses that coumarin compounds including xanthotoxol are capable of increasing evidently the numbers of flakes formed by tunicae granulosa in the skin flakes in a rat.

D3 discloses that xanthotoxol exhibits potent anti-oxidative activity in both lipid peroxidation and hemolysis assays.

D4 discloses that xanthotoxol and bergaptol can be used in the photochemotherapy of a number of skin diseases such as psoriasis and vitiligo.

D5 discloses that a pharmaceutical composition comprising 5-methoxysoralen is useful in treatment of psoriasis and other skin disorders. (Continued on Supplemental Sheet.)

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Supplemental Box**In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.****Continuation of:****Box V.**

None of D1–D5 discloses that the said compound of formula 1 has the activities of stimulating collagen synthesis, improving skin wrinkles, and wound-healing. However, D1 discloses a cosmetic composition comprising xanthotoxol which belongs to the compound of formula 1.

Thus, the novelty of claims 2–5 in the present invention is negated by D1 [Article 33(2) PCT].

2. Inventive Step

Since the novelty of claims 2–5 cannot be acknowledged over D1 as mentioned before, the inventive step of claims 2–5 cannot be acknowledged, either.

There is no implication or suggestion to lead those who skilled in the art to expect that the compound of formula 1 has the activities of stimulating collagen synthesis and improving skin wrinkles in D1–D5.

Thus, the inventive step of claims 1, 6 can be acknowledged over D1–D5.

Since D2 discloses that xanthotoxol is capable of increasing evidently the numbers of flakes formed by tunicae granulosa in the skin flakes, those who skilled in the art would be able to expect that the said compound can be used for wound-healing from D2. Therefore, the inventive step of claim 7 cannot be acknowledged over D2 [Article 33(3) PCT].

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1–7 appears to be industrially applicable [Article 33(4) PCT].